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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** Many thanks for all the Christmas cards. I hope all of you will have a healthy New Year. On Nov. 25 I turned 73. That is for subscribers who keep track of things like this.

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

**THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Second Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$60 including P&H, which includes the First and Second Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$50 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the third supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2008.

**CONVENTION 2008:** This is our 33rd convention. Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>.

**CONVENTION 2007:** 2007 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: [fsberney@verizon.net](mailto:fsberney@verizon.net).

Two years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -Air Check, Oct; article about Dimension X “There Will Come Soft Rains”; -Illustrated Press, Dec; articles about Red Barber; OTR Researchers Group; Gene Krupa; Jan; more about radio broadcast admission tickets; Nostalgia Digest, Winter; articles about WXYZ; Radio News; A Hitch-Hiker's Guide to Radio; Movie Musicals; -The Jack Benny Times; Jan - Apr; articles about Jack including one about Eddie Carroll; -RLL on the Air, Winter; article about The Railroad Hour; -Old Time Radio Digest, Winter; article about Private Eyes.

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>, <[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)> or <[Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com)>). Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from McFarland; 1-800-253-2187; Web ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)) and Bear Manor Media, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <[Bearmanormedia.com](http://Bearmanormedia.com)> Book Hunter Press, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 ([www.bookhunterpress.com/radio](http://www.bookhunterpress.com/radio)); -Martin Grams (OTR Publishing), Box 252, Churchville, MD. 21028; (717) 456-6208 <[www.martingrams.com](http://www.martingrams.com)>; -Scarecrow Press; <[scarecrowpress.com](http://scarecrowpress.com)> 1-800-462-6420.

From McFarland: Radio Network Prime Time Programming, 1926 – 1967. by Mitchell Shapiro; 2007; 640 pages; \$49.95; a soft cover reprint of the hardcover book printed in 2002. There are two main kinds of information: month-by-month prime time (7 pm to 11pm) schedules from Jan 1929 through July 1961, for all national broadcasting networks, and a detailed listing of all network programming moves. Only regularly

scheduled series are included.

From Scarecrow Press; **the Historical Dictionary of Old-time Radio** by Robert Reinehr and Jon Swartz; 2007; cost is \$80; Hardcover; The Historical Dictionary of Old Time Radio provides essential facts and information on the Golden Age of Radio. This is accomplished through the use of a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on the radio networks, programs, directors, producers, writers, actors, radio series, and radio stations. Entries on your favorite shows — The Lone Ranger, The Shadow, Dragnet, and Suspense — and actors — Bob Hope, George Burns, Gracie Allen, and Edgar Bergen — will have you jumping from one entry to the next as you relive old favorites and discover hidden treasures from the Golden Age of Radio. - from **Bearmanor Media - 2 books; 1. The Show-Biz Trivia Book** by Mel Simons. \$14.95; softcover; 2007; it is a treasure trove of quizzes that cover every aspect of show business: Movies, Television, Comedians and Singers; **2. The Lucky Strike Papers** by Andrew Fielding; \$24.95; softcover; 2007; In 1951, a critic in Downbeat magazine wrote that Sue Bennett was "one of the coming female singers in the country." Bennett was a featured singer on several network shows during TV's early years, including Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge, The Freddy Martin Show, and Your Hit Parade. Decades later, Andrew Fielding began exploring the period of live television, via the shows on which his mother sang. His resulting portrait of the era - which includes conversations with such early television luminaries as Dorothy Collins, Snooky Lanson, Raymond Scott, Merv Griffin, Arthur Penn, and Kay Kyser - is both enlightening, and captivating. -from **McFarland; 3 books; 1. Kay Francis: A Passionate Life and Career** by Lynn Kear and John Rossman; 2007; \$35; 240 pages; softcover; Her biography is the heart of this book; a chronology gives dates of theater openings, television and radio appearances; also a complete filmography. **2. Superman on Film, Television, Radio and Broadway** by Bruce Scivally; 2007; \$49.95; hardcover; 248 pages; this complete history covers Superman's appearances in film and television; it also list the cast and characters featured in his films, television and radio programs. **3. Obituaries in the Performing Arts, 2006** by Harris Lentz III; 2007; \$45; softcover; 428 pages; contains obituaries of all people associated with the performing arts; each contains date, place and cause of death along with career recaps. His first book was in 1994.

#### CONVENTIONS:

**33rd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 23 – 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

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**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

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**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Jeanne Bates**, Nov 28; 89; actress (One Man's Family); **-Henrietta Yurchenco**, Dec 10, 91; folklorist; radio producer, announcer, interviewer (WNYC) New York; **-Oscar Peterson**, Dec 23, 82; jazz pianist. remotes and BBC broadcasts; **-Pat Kirkwood**, Dec 25, 86; British singer and actress (BBC show "The Children's Hour"); **-Bill Idelson**, Dec 31, 88; actor, writer (Vic and Sade, One Man's Family); **-Bob LeMond, Jr.** Jan 6; 94; announcer (Our Miss Brooks; My Favorite Husband); **-allan Melvin**, Jan 17; 84; actor (Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts, some sound effects); **-Lois Nettleton**, Jan 18; 80; actress (CBS Radio Mystery Theater)

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